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1. The Mostar airfield, commanded by Colonel Vlaho Garbic, is one of the best airfields in Bosnia and Hercegovina. It was severely bombed during the war and general repairs were started. Reconstruction of the airport still continues, as it was decided to add new installations to the old ones, and the work is scheduled to be completed by the end of 1950.
2. Although the runway is not cemented, it will hold heavy planes because the ground is hard. Currently, two pursuit and two bomber squadrons equipped with old Soviet planes are stationed at the field. Electric equipment for night flying was installed in 1948. Most of the eight hangars demolished during the bombings have been rebuilt. Each hangar can hold 10 to 15 planes. Alongside each hangar is a small workshop for light repairs.
3. The radio station, meteorological station, and goniometer are housed in a new building which also serves as a school for radio telegraph operators and meteorologists.
4. A large gasoline pump is being constructed near the radio station. It will be fed by two large underground tanks, one tank located above ground, and an oil magazine, with a total capacity of approximately 250,000 liters. At present the airport has a provisional first aid station which is located in one of the army barracks, but a modern hospital is under construction.

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